



September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

CONTRIBUTING IN DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY IN KS4:

During this academic year, your child will undertake a variety of activities within their Design & Technology lessons to enhance the skills developed during KS3. These skills will improve the quality of their final products at the end of the course. Students will also take part in set tasks where they will learn theory through practical actions in line with the new Design & Technology specifications;

Please read the relevant description below for your child to see where the contributions will be utilised.

Resistant Materials

- Y10: Students will complete a variety of tasks and short projects using wood, metal and plastic to develop their skills. They will also complete a mock coursework design & make project, where they will design and produce a GCSE standard final piece to prepare them for the real thing in Y11.
- Y11: Students will complete some practical tasks using wood, metal, plastic and hopefully CAD/CAM to aid the learning of the theory content for their exam.

Textiles

- Y10 & 11: Students will complete a variety of tasks using a wide range of fabrics and components to facilitate the development of skills, including: wool tops, cotton, polyester, wool, fabric dyes and paints, use of the sublimation printer and electronics in textile to produce a lantern. When producing garments we would expect the students to purchase their own fabric and commercial pattern.

Food:

- Y10 & 11: A wide range of dishes. Although the main ingredients are to be supplied by parents/carers, students will be supplied with sundries such as:
- Oil, cling film, cooking oil, seasonings, greaseproof paper, dish cloths, washing up liquid, sanitizer spray, & hand soap, as well as general store cupboard ingredients such as; flour, eggs, sugar and milk and golden syrup etc.

The department endeavours to maintain sufficient stocks for your child successfully to make the set task or to make their own designs. With the current high cost of these materials, tools and consumables, it is increasingly difficult to ensure our pupils receive their choice of materials, or are able to use preferred processes, or to offer the range of practical experiences which we wish to offer your child in all aspects of this subject.

In accordance with the School's Charging Policy we are asking you to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of materials used and to assist in the running costs of equipment. This contribution towards materials will allow your child to undertake higher quality projects; these in turn will have the capability of raising achievement.

If individual parents/carers are unable or unwilling to make a contribution, we would not disadvantage or prevent any child from completing their practical work and hence their education.

The contribution for basic materials for 2017/2018 is set at **£10**. Please make your payment using ParentPay (www.parentpay.com), our online payment system, choosing the service 'Design and Technology Annual Voluntary Contribution'. Please contact Mrs Forde, Student Reception, if you do not have access to the internet and require a barcode letter. Parents/Carers of **all** students are asked to complete and return the reply slip attached to this letter to your child's D&T teacher by no later than **Friday, 29 September 2017**, please. We would appreciate a reply in either respect, to ensure parents have seen this letter.

Yours sincerely

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CHARGING IN DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY KS4 – ACADEMIC YEAR - 2017/2018

Please return to: Your D&T Teacher

Name of student: Form:

Design and Technology Projects Contribution

Please tick appropriate box

- I acknowledge receipt of the letter dated September 2017.
- I have made a £10 annual voluntary contribution via ParentPay.